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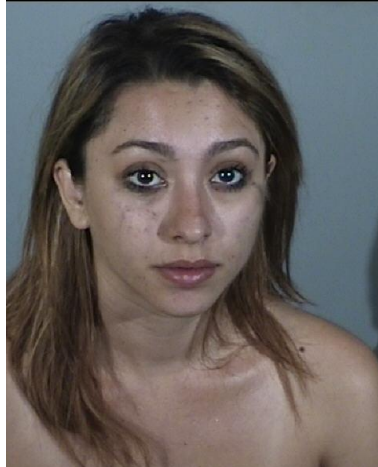
Residential Burglary Arrest

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Mickey Christian Mitchell
19 years



Erika Ephraim
19 years



Frankie Tommy Mitchell
25 years

In an effort to combat distraction burglaries that have been occurring throughout the Los Angeles and Orange County areas, Torrance Police Detectives have re-arrested and charged two suspects with residential burglary, including gang enhancements stemming from a distraction residential burglary that occurred in the City of Orange.

Mickey Christian Mitchell, 19 years, and Erika Ephraim, 19 years, both of Anaheim, Ca. were both taken into custody earlier this month after Torrance Police investigators linked them to a residential burglary that occurred in the 2500 block of E. Coolidge Ave in the City of Orange on August 21, 2012.

Mickey Mitchell and Ephraim were initially arrested by Torrance investigators in December of 2012, after they were linked to three distraction burglaries that had occurred in the City of Torrance between July and August of 2012. A third suspect, Frankie Mitchell, 25 yrs, of Anaheim, was also taken into custody and charged with residential burglary. The three suspects plead no contest to residential burglary charges, elder abuse as well as to a criminal street gang enhancement as it was learned that all three were connected with a street gang based out of the Los Angeles and Orange County areas.

Due to the conviction of the first series of burglaries, Mickey Mitchell and Ephraim could face a potential felony strike and possibly state prison time on their latest arrest.

During the course of their crimes, the suspects would target the elderly at their residences and attempt to either lure victims out of their residences in an attempt to gain access inside. From there one of the suspects would commonly distract the victims while additional suspects enter the residence and ransack and steal property from inside.

This crime is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department at (310) 328-3456.

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